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1. THE EMBASSY FORWARDS HERewith BRIEF SKETCHES OF THE
NEW MEMBERS OF THE SPANISH CABINET ANNOUNCED LATE JULY 7.
THE DEPARTMENT ALREADY HAS BASIC BIOGRAPHIC INF
RMATION

ON THE HOLDOVERS: THE FOUR MILITARY MINISTERS, VICE
PRESIDENT AND MINISTER OF THE PRESIDENCY ALFONSO OSORIO
GARCIA, MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR RODOLFO MARTIN VILLA,
MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS LEOPOLDO CALVO SOTELO, MINISTER
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OF INDUSTRY CARLOS PEREZ DE BRICIO, AND MINISTER OF

HOUSING FRANCISCO LOZANO VICENTE, AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS MARCELINO OREJA (REF).

2. IT IS A YOUNG CABINET, THE AVERAGE AGE, INCLUDING THE FOUR MILITARY MEN (ALL IN THEIR SIXTIES) IS ONLY 50. MOST OF ITS MEMBERS COME FROM CENTRAL SPAIN (CASTILLA). WHEREAS DIPLOMATS (5) WERE PROMINENT IN THE OUTGOING CABINET, THE NEW ONE HAS ONLY ONE DIPLOMAT (OREJA). FOUR ARE MEMBERS OF THE PRESTIGIOUS GROUP OF STATE LAWYERS AND FOUR OTHERS ARE ENGINEERS. FOUR (SUAREZ, ABRIL MARTORELL, LLADO, GARCIA LOPEZ) HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSERVATIVE POLITICAL ASSOCIATION "UNION DEL PUEBLO ESPANOL" (UDPE), ORGANIZED AND FIRST LED BY SUAREZ. FOUR (OSORIO, CARRILES, REGUERA, AND DE LA MATA) COLLABORATED WITH SILVA MUNOZ IN ORGANIZING THE CONSERVATIVE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC "UNION DEMOCRATICA ESPANOL" (UDE). SOME OF THE LATTER (OSORIO, REGUERA, CARRILES) PLUS OREJA AND LAVILLA WERE ALSO FOUNDING MEMBERS OF "TACITO", BUT OF THEM, OREJA AND LAVILLA ARE THE CLOSEST TO THE PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS EPITOMIZED BY ALVAREZ DE MIRANDA, ORTEGA AND THEIR ASSOCIATES IN THE "PARTIDO POPULAR." IT IS WORTH NOTING THAT THERE ARE ALTOGETHER SEVEN MINISTERS IN THE NEW CABINET WHO FIRST ENTERED PUBLIC AFFAIRS THROUGH THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH (ACNP) 9 9489, CARRILES, REGUERA, DE LA MATA, LAVILLA, OREJA AND MENEDEZ MENEDEZ. THIS GROUP GIVES A VAGUELY CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC COMPLEXION TO THE NEW CABINET THOUGH OTHER SIGNIFICANT SECTORS IN THE CD SPECTRUM HAVE BEEN LEFT OUT, E.G. RUIZ GIMENEZ' ID AND GIL ROBLES' FDP. TWO CABINET MEMBERS (LOZANO AND PEREZ DE BRICIO) ARE CONSIDERED AS TECHNOCRATS WITH SOME TIES WITH THE OPUS DEI.

MINISTER OF FINANCE

EDUARDO CARRILES GALARRAGA (52)
BORN AND RAISED IN THE SAME CITY (SANTANDER) AS ALFONSO OSORIO WITH WHOM HE HAS BEEN CLOSELY ASSOCIATED IN THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE PROGAGATION OF THE FAITH (ACNP), THE NATIONAL RAILROAD NETWORK (RENFE) OF WHICH OSORIO WAS PRESIDENT (1968-70). AS A MEMBER OF THE SELECT GROUP (CUERPO) OF STATE LAWYERS, CARRILES HAS BEEN CONFIDENTIAL

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AS ADVISOR ON ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM TO THE PRESIDENCY, A FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMPTION IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN, AND PRESIDENT OF "RADIO POPULAR" (A PRIVATE NETWORK UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF THE CHURCH HIERARCHY). ACCORDING TO OSORIO, CARRILES IS CARDENAL TARANCON'S CLOSEST LAY ADVISER. SINCE 1970 CARRILES HAS BEEN DIRGEN FOR SPAIN'S LARGEST INSURANCE COMPANY, "LA UNION Y FENIX ESPANOL." CARRILES IS A MEMBER

OF UDE. WE ASSUME HE IS WELL CONNECTED WITH THE BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL COMMUNITY, BUT DO NOT KNOW HIS VIEWS ON THE MANAGEMENT OF SPAIN'S ECONOMY.

MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND TOURISM

ANDRES REGUERA GUAJARDO (45)

MOST RECENTLY THE UNDER SECRETARY IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER THE OUTGOING MINISTER, ONATE GIL. A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF ALFONSO OSORIO AND SILVA MUNOZ UNDER WHOM HE SERVED AS TECHNICAL UNDER SECRETARY IN THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS (1968-70) AND AGAIN AS SILVA'S DEPUTY IN THE STATE-RUN PETROLEUM MARKETING MONOPOLY "CAMPSA" (1970-74). FOLLOWING HIS EDUCATION AS LAWYER REGUERA ENTERED THE PRESTIGIOUS GROUP (CUERPO) OF STATE LAWYERS AND OBTAINED HIS FIRST PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AS LEGAL ADVISER IN THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND IN THE BASQUE PROVINCES AS THE LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FINANCE MINISTRY. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF RENFE, THE NATIONAL RAILROAD NETWORK. REGUERA'S TIES WITH OSORIA AND SILVA AS WELL AS WITH THE NEW MINISTER OF FINANCE, CARRILES, STEMS FROM THEIR COMMON TIES WITH THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH: REGUERA HAS SERVED AS THE ORGANIZATION'S SEC GEN. HE WAS AN ORIGINAL FOUNDER OF "TACITO" IN 1973 AND, CONTRARY TO OSORIO, OREJA AND OTHERS IN THE GROUP, JOINED SILVA IN ORGANIZING THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC-ORIENTED "UNION DEMOCRATICA ESPANOL" (UDE).

REGUERA HAS BEEN A FAMILY MEMBER OF THE CORTES, I.E. ONE OF THE 104 ELECTED BY UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE, REPRESENTING SEGOVIA PROVINCE. HE HELPED ORGANIZE A UDE PARLIAMENTARY CAUCUS IN THE FALL, 1975, AND HAS PLAYED A ROLE IN ASSISTING THE PREVIOUS ARIAS GOVERNMENT IN GETTING REFORM LEGISLATION PASSED.

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REGUERA HAS PROVEN HIMSELF TO BE A CAPABLE ADMINISTRATOR, AN ACTIVE POLITICIAN, AND A SUPPORTER OF ORDERLY REFORM. HE IS FRIENDLY WITH AMERICAN OFFICIALS AND SUPPORTS CLOSE SPANISH-AMERICAN TIES.

MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE
AURRLIO MENENDEZ MENDENDEZ (49)

A GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITIES OF OVIEDO AND MADRID, HE HOLDS A DOCTORATE IN LAW. MENENDEZ HAS SERVED AS PROFESSOR OF LAW AT THE BILBAO SCHOOL OF ADVANCED BUSINESS STUDIES, PROFESSOR OF BUSINESS LAW AT THE UNIVERSITIES OF SNATIAGO, OVIEDO AND SALAMANCA, AND AS PROFERSSOR OF LAW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MADRID, WHERE HE WAS MOST RECENTLY DEAN OF THE LAW FACULTY. IN ADDITION TO HIS ACADEMIC WORK, HE IS A PERMANENT CONFIDENTIAL

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MEMBER OF THE GERNERAL COMMISSION FOR CODIFICATION OF LAWS AND ALSO VICE PRESIDENT OF THE SPANISH ASSOCIATION OF MARITIME LAW. FOLLOWING THE SIGNING OF THE US-SPANISH TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION IN JANUARY 1976 MENENDEZ BECAME A MEMBER OF THE EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE BOARD UNDER THE NON-MILITARY ASPECTS (NMA). MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH (ANCP) HE HAS PUBLICALLY IDENTIFIED HIMSELF WITH CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC THINKING.

MINISTER OF JUSTICE
LANDELINO LAVILLA ALSINA (42)
THE ONLY CATALAN (BORN IN LERIDA) IN THE PRESENT CABINET. (THERE WAS NO CATALAN IN THE LAST CABINET.) LAWYER AND ADVISER (LETRADO) OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE AND THE COURT OF ACCOUNTS. GRADUATE OF THE LEO XIII INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL STUDIES, A CATHOLIC INSTITUTION. FORMER UNDER SECRETARY OF INDUSTRY (1974) WHEN HE MADE HIS FIRST VISIT TO THE US. FORMERLY A TEHCNICAL ADVISOR TO THE HIGHER COUNCIL FOR

RAILROADS AND ROAD TRANSPORT. MOST RECENTLY, HE WAS A DIRECTOR OF THE SPANISH CREDIT BANK (BANESTO). LAVILLA HAS BEEN CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH (ACNP) WITH OSORIO, CARRILES, OREJA AND OTHERS AND, IN COLLABORATION WITH SOME, WAS AN ORIGINAL FOUNDER OF "TACITO." HE WAS NAMED IN MAY, 1976, PRESIDNET OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF EDITORIAL CATOLICA (EDICA) WHICH EDITS "YA" AND OTHER NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS THROUGHOUT SPAIN. LAVILLA SEEMS TO FLOAT MID-WAY BETWEEN THE LEFT OF CENTER TACITO ACTIVIST POSITIONS AND THE MORE CONSERVATIVE UDE POSITIONS. LAVILLA IS FRIENDLY WITH AMERICAN OFFICIALS AND CONVINCED OF THE NEED TO MAINTAIN CLOSE TIES WITH THE US. INASMUCH AS THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CHURCH AFFAIRS (AND MUCH INVOLVED IN THE CONCORDAT), LAVILLA'S CLOSE IDENTIFICATION WITH LAY CATHOLIC ORGANIZATIONS HELPS EXPLAIN HIS APPOINTMENT.

MINISTER OF COMMERCE

JOSE LLADO FERNANDEZ-URRUTIA (42)

CHEMICAL ENGINEER AND PROFESSOR OF INDUSTRIAL ECONOMY UNTIL 1967. CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY IN THE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (1969). DIRGEN OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRY IN MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (1969-73).
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MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY REP IN SPANISH DELEGATION WHICH NEGOTIATED FIRST AGREEMENT WITH COMMON MARKET IN 1970. PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH-SPANISH COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE HIGHER COUNCIL OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. MOST RECENTLY, UNDER SECRETARY OF THE DOMESTIC MARKET IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE.

MINISTER OF SYNDICAL RELATIONS

ENRIQUE DE LA MATA GOROSTIZAGA (42)

FAMILY MEMBER OF THE CORTES FOR TERUEL PROVINCIAL AND SECRETARY OF THE COUNCIL OF THE REALM. HE HAS A LAW DEGREE FROM MADRID. HE WAS SUBDIRECTOR GENERAL FOR HEALTH IN INTERIOR MINISTRY (1963-66) AND DIRECTOR GENERAL IN THE LABOR MINISTRY (1969-74). HE IS ALSO THE VICE PRESIDNET FOR THE ATLETICO DE MADRID FOOTBALL TEAM AND WAS PRESIDENT OF THE SPANISH RED CROSS. DE LA MATA IS A PROMINENT MEMBER OF SILVA MUNOZ'. UDE. ALTHOUGH CONSIDERED AN "APERTURISTA" AND ASSOCIATED WITH UDE, HE IS ALSO CONSIDERED MORE CONSERVATIVE THAN HIS PREDECESSOR, RODOLFO MARTIN VILLA, IN THE SYNDICAL MINISTER POSITION. HE HAS NEVER HAD ANY EXPERIENCE WITH THE SPANISH SYNDICAL ORGANIZATION (SSO) NOR IS HE NOTED FOR HAVING RELATIONSHIPS WITH USO OR UGT FIGURES. DE LA MATA LACKS A CLEAR POLITICAL PROFILE; IN PRIVATE, HIS POLITICAL IDEAS HAVE BEEN EXPRESSED TO US WITH A TOUCH OF CONFUSION. WE DO NOT KNOW HIS VIEWS ON LABOR REFORM.

MINISTER OF LABOR

ALVARO RENGIFO CALDERON (44)

LAWYER.

COMMERCIAL TECHNICIAN FOR THE STATE (1956).

HE HAS SERVED AS BUREAU CHIEF OF EXPORT SERVICES,
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, AND REGIONAL DELEGATE FOR COMMERCE.
COMMERCIAL ATTACHE OF THE SPANISH EMBASSY IN COLOMBIA
AND ECUADOR (1961-64). HE LATER SERVED AS THE DIRGEN FOR
EMIGRATION IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOR (1964-66), AND IN
1966 HE BECAME DIRGEN OF SOCIAL PROMOTION OF THE SAME
MINISTRY. DIRGEN FOR FOREIGN COMMERCE (1969-70). COM-
MERCIAL COUNSELOR IN SPANISH EMBASSY IN CANADA (1972-74)
AND FOR FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1974 SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.
HIS VIEWS ON LABOR REFORM ARE UNKNOWN AND OUR SOCIALIST
CONTACTS CLAIM THEY KNOW NOTHING OF HIM.
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MINISTER SECRETARY GENRAL OF THE MOVEMENT

IGNACIO GARCIA LOPEZ (53)

DEGRESS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AND ECONOMICS. HE WAS HEAD
OF THE SPANISH YOUTH ORGANIZATION, NATIONAL SECRETARY
OF YOUTH AND NATIONAL SECRETARY OF THE SPANISH STUDENTS'
SYNDICATE (SEU). HE HAS SERVED AS DIRECTOR OF THE JOSE
ANTONIO AND SANTA MARIA COLLEGES AND AS NATIONAL COUNCILOR
FOR EDUCATION. HE WAS NATIONAL COUNCILOR FOR THE
MOVEMENT AND CORTES DEPUTY FOR SNATANDER PROVINCE AND MEMBER
OF THE EDUCATION COMMISSION. HE HAS BEEN CIVIL GOVERNOR
IN PONTENEDRA AND VIZCAYA PROVINCES. HE MOST RECENTLY SERVED
AS VICE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE MOVEMENT.

MONISTER OF AGRICULTURE

FERNANDO ABRIL MARTORELL (39)

FROM VALENCIA, HOLDS A DOCTORATE IN AGRONOMY AND
WORKED IN THE SEGROVIA REGION FOR TEN YEARS ON AGRICULTURAL
AND RURAL PLANNING. PRESIDENT OF THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY
OF SEGOVIA PROVINCE AND DEPUTY (FAMILY SECTOR) IN THE SPANISH
CORTES. ABRIL WAS APPOINTED TECHNICAL DIRECTOR OF FORPA, A
GOVERNMENT AGENCY FOR AGRICULTURAL PRICING AND MARKET REGULA-
TION. DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR AGRICULTURAL TRAINING AND EXTENSION
AND LATER AS DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION.
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